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Mound City Receives USDA Rural Development Funding Approval

Financial Assistance Will Be Used To Construct New City Building

Mound City, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks today presented a ceremonial funding check of \$735,000 to The City of Mound City to assist in the construction of a new City Hall and Library. The project was funded in part by a USDA Rural Development *Community Facility Program* loan of \$685,000 and a grant of \$50,000. Mayor Robert Meyer, members of the City Council, and local dignitaries participated in the ceremony.

State Director Banks commented during the ceremony, "USDA Rural Development appreciates the opportunity to support the City of Mound City in this important community effort. The Agency's *Community Facility Program* is a great tool available to rural communities to assist them in developing new or enhancing existing facilities for public safety, public service or health care. The benefits of the Program can significantly improve the viability of needed community facility projects."

Mayor Meyer commented, "The City of Mound City thanks USDA Rural Development for the *Community Facility Program* loan and grant funds that helped in the construction of our City Hall and Library. The City also appreciates all the support from the community that helped make this project possible."

USDA Rural Development's *Community Facility Program* can provide financial assistance to eligible organizations for the construction or improvement of assisted living facilities, childcare facilities, community centers, fire and rescue stations, hospitals, libraries, medical clinics, police stations, public buildings, schools or transportation facilities. This community facility project, also supported by \$100,000 in local funding, will serve a population of approximately 821 residents.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life of the State's rural residents. The Agency provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. During Fiscal Year 2006, USDA Rural Development provided over \$231 million in direct funding for community and economic development projects across rural Kansas. Individuals who have an interest in learning more about USDA Rural Development programs may contact the Agency's office in Topeka at 785-271-2700, or may log onto the state's Agency website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

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